

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Method And Arrangement For Producing Elongate Support Element  
And Product, And Use Of The Support Element**

the specification of which: (check one)

☐ is attached hereto. ☒ was filed on 7 May 1998, as PCT International Application Number PCT/SE98/00835, was filed on November 2, 1999, as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/423,090, and amended on November 2, 1999 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s): I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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(Application No.)

Sweden

(Country)

16 May 1997

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Priority Claimed

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Yes No

(Application No.)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.

Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(U.S. Application Serial No.)

(U.S. Filing Date)

(Status--patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint George Vande Sande, Registration No. 17,276; Burton A. Amernick, Registration No. 24,852; Richard Wiener, Registration No. 18,741; Townsend M. Belser, Jr., Registration No. 22,956; Morris Liss, Registration No. 24,510; Martin Abramson, Registration No. 25,787; George R. Pettit, Registration No. 27,369; Elzbieta Chlopecka, Registration No. 32,767; Eric J. Franklin, Registration No. 37,134; Jeffri A. Kaminski, Reg. No. 42,709; and William E. Curry, Registration No. 43,572, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Tomas Bäck, Lennart Carlsson and Anders Petersson of Sweden, <sup>have</sup> has invented certain improvements in and to "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF THE SUPPORT ELEMENT" and described in the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, filed November 2, 1999, as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/423,090;

WHEREAS, NOBEL BIO CARE AB, P.O. Box 5190, S-402 26 Göteborg, Sweden (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries and all reissues, divisions, continuations, extensions, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, we, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Trademark Office officials in the United States and its territorial possessions and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my entire right, title and

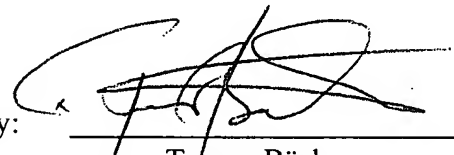
interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries.

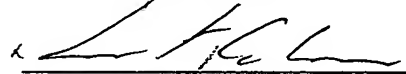
The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of Pollock, Vande Sande & Amernick, R.L.L.P., 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800, P.O. Box 19088, Washington, D.C. 20036 the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands as follows:

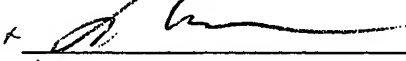
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